

JCHC Voting Meeting

COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2020

JCHC Action Needed

Workgroup Recommendations: Pharmacist Statewide Protocols

JCHC Sunset Clause

2021 JCHC Study Priorities

JCHC work on statewide protocols

- 2019 JCHC staff study resulted in a request for the Board of Pharmacy to convene a workgroup to recommend additional medications/treatments appropriate for standing orders
- Legislation during the 2020 Session (Sickles; Dunnavant) also directed a workgroup to reach consensus on new statewide protocols
- Workgroup met in 2020 and produced recommendations for JCHC consideration

What is a statewide protocol?

- Statewide protocols authorize pharmacists to initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer certain drugs and devices to adults (18 years and older)
 - Developed by the Board of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health
 - Example: administering Epinephrine (Epi-pen) for someone experiencing anaphylaxis, if that individual has a history of epinephrine prescriptions or indicates allergies consistent with anaphylaxis
- Goal is to improve access to necessary services when a pharmacist's training is appropriate to identify symptoms and provide medication
- Statewide protocols are authorized in state Code; require detailed regulations that specify the circumstances and requirements for treatment

Workgroup included representatives of multiple stakeholders

- Board of Pharmacy
- VCU School of Pharmacy
- Appalachian College of Pharmacy
- Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores
- National Association of Chain Drug Stores
- Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- Virginia Pharmacist Association
- Board of Medicine
- Medical Society of Virginia
- VCU School of Medicine
- Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Virginia Association of Health Plans
- VA Department of Health
- Department of Medical Assistance Services

Report includes three consensus recommendations

Drug or device	Workgroup vote	Summary of workgroup vote
1. Tuberculosis testing	17-0	Unanimous support
2. HIV prophylaxis for both pre- and post-exposure	18-0	Unanimous support
3. Devices, controlled paraphernalia (ie-insulin pen) and DME to lower out of pocket expenses, if prescription required for insurance to cover it	17-0	Unanimous support

Report includes five additional recommendations without consensus

Drug or device	Workgroup vote	Summary of workgroup vote
4. Vaccines included on the CDC immunization schedule	15-1	Supported by all except MSV
5. Flu treatments following positive flu tests (using CLIA waived tests)	15-3	Supported by all except one member of the Board of Medicine, MSV, and VCU School of Medicine
6. Urinary tract infection treatment following positive test (using CLIA waived test)	10-5	Supported by members representing pharmacies and pharmacy schools, DMAS, and health plans; opposed by members representing physicians
7. Tobacco cessation drug therapies	10-5	Supported by members representing pharmacies and pharmacy schools, DMAS, VDH, and health plans; opposed by members representing physicians
8. Strep throat treatment following positive test (using CLIA waived test)	8-6	Supported by members representing pharmacies and pharmacy schools; opposed by members representing physicians and DMAS

NOTE: CLIA is the federal law and regulations governing testing; waived tests are those that are simple to administer and have a low risk of incorrect result.

JCHC Options

1. Take no action
2. Vote to adopt consensus statewide protocols as JCHC recommendations
 - Tuberculosis testing
 - HIV prophylaxis
 - Devices, controlled paraphernalia, and DME to lower out of pocket expenses
3. Vote to adopt any combination of statewide protocols included in the workgroup report as JCHC recommendations

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Background on JCHC sunset clause

- When the JCHC was established in 1992, a sunset date of July 1, 1997 was included in the legislation
- Since 1997, the sunset date has been extended every four years, with a current sunset date of July 1, 2022
 - Legislation to extend the date is historically proposed the session in the year before the sunset date, which is the upcoming 2021 regular session

Legislative commissions with and without a sunset clause (examples)

COMMISSIONS WITHOUT A SUNSET CLAUSE

JLARC

Crime Commission

Commission on Youth

Housing Commission

Health Insurance Reform Commission

Joint Commission on Technology and Science

Small Business Commission

Chesapeake Bay Commission

COMMISSIONS WITH A SUNSET CLAUSE

Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the 21st Century

Commission on Electric Utility Regulation

Commission on Employee Retirement Security and Pension Reform

Commission on Wellness and Opportunity

Commission on School Construction and Modernization

NOTE: The Joint subcommittee to study mental health services in the 21st century is established by Joint Resolution, but is not in the Code of Virginia.

JCHC Options

1. Take no action (JCHC would sunset July 1, 2022)
2. Introduce legislation to extend the JCHC sunset clause until July 1, 2026
3. Introduce legislation to eliminate the JCHC sunset clause

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2021 JCHC Study Priorities

Staff can complete three studies in 2021

- Current list includes six topics, all of which are valuable topics
- Members received Study Resolutions for review and rank order voting prior to the meeting
 - Goal is to prioritize the topics for staff study in 2021, not eliminate any of the six
- JCHC can make progress on the other topics by hearing from agencies and stakeholders

Member 2021 Study Priorities

Staff Studies

RANK	Study Topic	Avg. Member Rank
1	Nursing facility workforce	2.5
2	Affordability in the individual market	3.1
3	Supporting elderly Virginians in the community	3.2

Stakeholder Briefings

RANK	Study Topic	Avg. Member Rank
4	Strengthening the behavioral health workforce	3.5
5	Disparities in maternal and child health	4.1
6	Reducing unnecessary ED utilization	4.6

NOTE: 17 of 18 JCHC Members submitted rank order votes.



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